

MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD
Friday, September 16, 2011

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Community College Board (MCCB) was held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 16, 2011, in the IHL Board Room, located in the Universities Center, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211.

Members present: Mr. Bubba Hudspeth, Chair; Mrs. Patricia Dickens, Vice-Chair; Mr. Bobby Steinriede; Mr. Duncan McKenzie; Mr. Max Huey; Mr. Chip Crane; Ms. Toni Cooley and Mr. Tom Gresham. *Members not present: Mr. Bruce Martin and Mr. Ed Perry.*

MCCB Staff in attendance: Dr. Eric Clark, Mr. Jason Carter, Dr. Debra West, Dr. Shawn Mackey, Mr. Ray Smith, Dr. Joan Haynes, Dr. Christian Pruett, Mr. Raul Fletes, Mrs. Cynthia Jiles, Mr. Kell Smith, and Ms. Kim Verneuille.

Guests in attendance: Mr. Chuck Rubisoff, Office of the Attorney General; Dr. Edward Jordan, Director of P-20 Initiatives, IHL; Dr. Scott Elliott, President of Meridian Community College; Mr. Milton Anderson, Virginia College; Mr. Malcolm White, Mississippi Arts Commission; and Ms. Kim Whitt, Mississippi Arts Commission.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bubba Hudspeth called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and read the meeting notice for the October 20 and 21, 2011, MCCB Board Meetings.

MEETING NOTICE

The Mississippi Community College Board Committee of the Whole dinner meeting will be held Thursday, October 20, 2011, at Huntington's Grill at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will reconvene in the Hattiesburg Room of the Hilton Hotel at 7:00 p.m. that same evening. The regular monthly meeting of the Mississippi Community College Board will be held at 9:00 a.m., Friday, October 21, 2011, in the IHL Board Room, located in the Universities Center, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211.

PRELIMINARIES

Chairman Hudspeth welcomed all board members and visitors and provided the invocation.

Approval of July 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes

In a motion made by Mr. Duncan McKenzie and seconded by Mr. Tom Gresham, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the minutes of the August 18 and 19, 2011, MCCB board meetings.

Approval of Agenda

In a motion made by Mr. Tom Gresham and seconded by Mr. Duncan McKenzie, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the proposed agenda.

REPORTS/ACTIONS

Executive Director's Report

Dr. Clark began his report by welcoming all board members and guests. He expressed gratitude to IHL for use of the boardroom.

Dr. Clark invited the Board to attend the Joint Legislative Budget Committee hearing scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 22, 2011 at the Woolfolk Building in Jackson, Mississippi.

Dr. Clark reported that he and his staff are interviewing for a facilitator of strategic planning to streamline the processes of the MCCB. Dr. Debra West will lead this effort.

Dr. Clark reported to the Board that a company is interested in establishing one to three wind farms the Delta. The company would construct hundreds of windmills to generate electricity to sell to electric companies. If this endeavor proceeds, the company would like Coahoma CC to train the plant workers. Dr. Shawn Mackey will lead the effort to coordinate this endeavor.

On August 25, Dr. Clark met with Mr. Leland Speed, Dr. Clyde Muse, and Mayor Isla Tullos of Raymond to discuss an economic growth idea to combine bookstore coffee shops and art galleries. Dr. Clark reported that this conversation seemed productive.

Dr. Clark reported that The Nature Conservancy met on Wednesday, September 14. They strongly support S1400. This new bill would return 80 percent of the fine money levied against BP to the affected states. The money would provide recovery for both the economy and environment. MCCB has solicited support to include money in the bill for workforce training.

Dr. Clark attended a lecture sponsored by Mississippi State history professor, Dr. Janos Radvanyi, on September 15. The Consulate General of Israel, guest lecturer, commended the workforce and production of Stark Aerospace in Columbus, a subsidiary of Israeli Aerospace Industries. This plant builds the drone airplanes used in Afghanistan. Dr. Clark informed him that the plant workers were trained at East Mississippi CC and that we would welcome any other economic opportunities for the Mississippi workforce.

Dr. Clark reported that Blueprint Mississippi is ongoing and working to produce an economic report before elections to present to the newly elected state leaders.

On September 21, Dr. Clark will travel to Jones County Jr. College to participate in their 100 year celebration; September 29, he will travel to the Greenville Higher Education Center to celebrate their ten year anniversary; and October 2 through 4, he will attend the MAC conference to be held at Mississippi Valley University in Itta Bena.

Dr. Clark reported that Gulf Coast CC was chosen as one of ten community colleges finalists in the country to potentially receive a one million dollar prize from the Apsen Institute. Gulf Coast CC was commended for job training and diversity of population served.

Dr. Clark concluded his report.

Visitors Addressing the Board

Mr. Malcolm White and Ms. Kim Whitt of the Mississippi Arts Commission spoke to the Board regarding various grants available to the fifteen community colleges and provided detailed insight into the "Creative Economy" initiative.

MACJC Report

Dr. Scott Elliott reported that East Central CC has reached record enrollment of 3,223 for the 2011 fall semester. Copiah-Lincoln CC will host the annual Mississippi Advisors' Meeting on

September 19, a first for a community college in the history of this meeting.

Dr. Elliott also provided information for the following community colleges: Mississippi Delta CC, Itawamba CC, Southwest Mississippi CC, Coahoma CC, Hinds CC, Meridian CC, Gulf Coast CC, Northeast Mississippi CC, Jones County Junior College, Pearl River CC, East Mississippi CC, and Holmes CC.

Dr. Elliott concluded his report.

Career and Technical Education Report

Dr. Shawn Mackey greeted board members and presented **Exhibit A**, the program request from Copiah-Lincoln CC for a degree program in Military Technology.

In a motion made by Mrs. Patricia Dickens and seconded by Mr. Tom Gresham, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the program request from Copiah-Lincoln CC for a degree program in Military Technology.

Workforce Report

Exhibit B is a request to approve the criteria for the George F. Walker Training Award.

In a motion made by Mr. Chip Crane and seconded by Mr. Max Huey, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the criteria for the George F. Walker Training Award.

Exhibits C is the request for approval of initial accreditation of Practical Nursing for Virginia College.

In a motion made by Mr. Duncan McKenzie and seconded by Mr. Max Huey, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the request for approval of initial accreditation of Practical Nursing for Virginia College.

Grants and Related Activities Report

Dr. Mackey presented **Exhibit D1**, the Career Readiness Certificates chart for FY 2012. **Exhibit D2**, is the Career Readiness Certificates chart for the cumulative year, showing a total of 21,656 certificates issued. The Wet Fund now funds the Career Readiness Certificate Program.

Exhibit I is the WET Fund Revenue Report. This is for information only and does not require board approval.

Dr. Mackey presented **Exhibit J**, the standard Workforce Budget Report. This report shows the closeout numbers for FY 2011.

Dr. Mackey concluded his report.

Chairman Hudspeth recessed the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Academic Affairs Report

Dr. Joan Haynes introduced our newest staff member, Ms. Kim Verneuille, Director of Proprietary School and College Registration.

Dr. Joan Haynes presented **Exhibit E1, Exhibit E2, Exhibit E3, and Exhibit E4**, the summary report for the September 16 meeting of the Commission on Proprietary School and College

Registration. The Commission approved one initial registration application for a new institution, 21 agent permit renewals, sixteen initial agent permits, approved three new programs of study, and approved 25 new instructors. Fees collected in August totaled \$15,750.00; fiscal year-to-date total of \$17,350.00. Presently, there are 44 registered proprietary schools; 33 in-state and eleven out-of-state.

Dr. Haynes presented **Exhibit F**, the newly adopted Statewide Academic Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement. This is for informational purposes only.

Dr. Haynes concluded her report.

Technology Report

Mr. Ray Smith reported a follow-up to last month's purchase request for equipment needed to increase bandwidth operations. The purchase price was \$127,165.00 for the equipment to transition broadband into larger ten gigabyte bandwidth.

Mr. Smith concluded his report.

eLearning and Instructional Technology Report

Dr. Christian Pruett reported that the duplicated online enrollment figures for fall 2011 are flat and that unduplicated enrollment has increased five percent.

Dr. Howell Garner has committed funds from the Community College Foundation to award MSVCC's annual "Instructor of the Year Award."

MSVCC has 29,932 student enrollment with 2,500 courses offered.

Dr. Pruett concluded his report.

Research and Planning Report

Mr. Raul Fletes greeted the Board and presented **Exhibit G**, the enrollment audited numbers for fall 2010. This is for informational purposes.

Deputy Executive Director Report, Programs and Accountability

Dr. Debra West presented **Exhibit K**, fall 2010 and fall 2011 preliminary enrollment figures. These figures show that headcount enrollment is down 3.6 percent. **Exhibit L** shows FY 2011 graduation rates have increased 14.59 percent. Dr. West will compare these numbers to audited numbers once the audited numbers are finalized. This is for informational purposes.

Deputy Executive Director Report, Finance and Administration

Mr. Jason Carter presented the Finance report, as follows:

Attachment 1 is the approval request for the General Fund Disbursements out of Fund 2298 in the amount of \$9,784,131.00 for October 2011.

In a motion made by Mr. Bobby Steinriede and seconded by Mr. Tom Gresham, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the General Fund Disbursements out of Fund 2298 in the amount of \$9,784,131.00 for October 2011.

Attachment 2 is the approval request for the Education Enhancement Fund Disbursements out of Fund 4080 in the amount of \$3,090,873.00 and Fund 4110 in the amount of \$82,112.00,

totaling \$3,172,985.00, effective September 30, 2011.

In a motion made by Mr. Max Huey and seconded by Mr. Chip Crane, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the Education Enhancement Fund Disbursements out of Fund 4080 in the amount of \$3,090,873.00 and Fund 4110 in the amount of \$82,112.00, totaling \$3,172,985.00, effective September 30, 2011.

Attachment 3 is the update on Education Enhancement Fund Reductions – FY 2012. This is for informational purposes only and does not require approval.

Attachments 4a, 4b and 4c are: (4a) the Financial Statements for Funds 2291 and Special Funds as of August 31, 2011. Attachment **4b** is Lapse and Carryover Report FY 2011. Attachment **4c** is the General Fund Information and Special Funds as of August 31, 2011 – FY 2012. This does not require approval.

Mr. Carter concluded his report.

Travel Authorizations

Chairman Hudspeth asked for requests to authorize travel reimbursements for events other than regularly scheduled Board Meetings.

In a motion made by Mr. Max Huey and seconded by Mr. Chip Crane, the State Board **voted unanimously** to approve the travel reimbursement for Chairman Hudspeth's and Ms. Patricia Dickens travel to the Legislative Budget Hearings on September 22, and to the Mississippi Economic Outlook Conference on September 28.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

ADJOURNMENT


In the absence of any further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Recorded by:


Cynthia Jiles, Executive Assistant

Approved by:


Mr. Bubba Hudspeth, Chairman


Dr. Eric Clark, Executive Director

Exhibits:

Career and Technical Education
George F. Walker Award
Workforce
Grants/CRC Report
Academic Affairs

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